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Manitoba.

About 1,000 men are working on the Lake Dauphin railway.

B. T. Scott, of Rapid City, is starting a bakery at Neepawa.

D. Clain, flour and feed, Morden, has sold out to Mr. Blanchard.

C. E. Miller, of Brandon, and Mr. Wallace will open a store in Nelson, B.C.

The Winnipeg board of trade excursion party left for the Kootenay country on Saturday.

The Brandon board of trade is in a disorganized state, no meetings have been held for some time.

Mr. Booth, of Belmont, will open up in the drug business at Crystal City about the first of October.

The population of Manitoba has increased from 152,506 in 1891 to 193,425 in 1896. Thus in five years there has been an increase of 40,919 or about 27 per cent.

The Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg, have supplied machinery lately for a number of elevators which are being built throughout the country.

The Watrous Engine Works, Winnipeg, report the sale of a good many threshing rigs this year, notwithstanding the lighter crops. They have been busy of late supplying elevator machinery for new elevators.

There is a good demand for farm properties this fall, says the Portage la Prairie Liberal. W. Richardson on Tuesday refused \$4,000 for a quarter section on the plains. Mr. Van Norman has purchased a farm of 320 acres at Roland, from J. W. Phillip, paying nearly \$20 an acre for the property.

Northwest Ontario.

The annual report of the Rat Portage board of trade, officially known as the Board of Trade of the District of Rainy River, has been printed in pamphlet form. Considerable statistical information concerning the district is published with the report, going to show that the board is an enterprising one.

A deputation consisting of Mayor Marks, of Port Arthur; Mayor McKellar, of Fort William; and Jas. Conmee, M.P.P., waited and the minister of railways and Premier Laurier at Ottawa recently, to urge the

Dominion to give a bonus of \$3.20 per mile to 150 miles of the Rainy River road, connecting the Port Arthur Duluth and Western railway with Rainy river. The Ontario government has already plodged aid and the promoters expect the Manitoba government to grant liberal aid to connect the road with Winnipeg, as an offer will be made to reduce the rate on wheat to the head of the lake to nine cents per bushel. Long speeches were made in favor of the scheme. Mr. Blair announced that the government proposed to give no subsidies to anything this session but Premier Laurier spoke encouragingly of the proposed road, and said the matter would get favorable consideration.

Assiniboia.

Mr. Rawe, of Blackwood, has purchased the Sinteluta hotel, Sinteluta.

Alberta

Miners to work in the Lethbridge coal pits are being imported from Tennessee and Alabama. A party of fifteen arrived recently.

The drug business of the estate of A. E. Waldon & Co., Calgary, is being closed up, and the stock will be moved to Winnipeg by the Martin, Bole & Wynne Co.

Grain and Milling.

The report that the big miller's association known as the spring wheat miller's association of the northwest States, had, wound up is denied.

The Regina board of trade, in response to a letter from the department of inland revenue, has named J. S. Donahue to represent the Regina district on the board of grain examiners.

The farmers have secured a sufficient number of shareholders to warrant them in erecting a 25,000 bushel steam elevator at Reston, Man., says a correspondent. Some of the material is on the ground and the contractor is expected in a few days.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. is shipping from 4,000 to 5,000 barrels of flour monthly to Australia, from their Portage la Prairie mill. Large shipments were made this week, and orders are in for a considerable quantity to be shipped between now and December.

The Dominion Miller's Association, in session at Toronto, adopted the following resolution: "That whereas the general election in June has resulted in a change of government, now therefore this association, composed of over two hundred members, reaffirm and place on record their strong desire that no change be made in the tariff in regard to the duties on wheat and flour by the new government. Further, that members of this association would view with alarm and disfavor reciprocity with the United States in wheat and flour, and believe it would result in great loss and injury to the farmers and millers of the country. We therefore delegate to the executive committee full authority to take such action, and make such representations as they may deem best to give effect to this association's desires in this matter."

The Flour Mill Combination

The Milwaukee Evening, Wisconsin, of August 18 says: "It is reported on 'change to-day that the big flour milling combine had gone under. Private dispatches from the east stated that the combination was a thing of the past and that the millers were free to do as they pleased once more. Milwaukee members of the combine deny the report, although admitting that there is some founda-

tion for it. They state that the minimum selling price has been removed and that there is now no limit to selling, either way. Otherwise, it was asserted, all of the agreements were in force and the association was fully as active as ever.

The removal of the selling price limit, however, will operate to place the Eastern members on the same footing as the Western mills, especially those at Minneapolis. It is stated that all of the trouble the combine has had has been due to the Minneapolis people. The Minneapolis millers, it is stated, had a way of securing notice in advance of a reduction in prices, and by the time the notice was received by the other millers they would find that the market was glutted with Minneapolis flour. It was this that caused certain Milwaukee millers to drop out of the association. Outside millers now claim that the removal of the minimum price is but one of several steps which the combine has been forced to take lately towards complete dissolution, and they figure that a continuation of the agreement under the conditions which it has to face, and with dissension and distrust among the members, is an impossibility.

Mr. Manegold, speaking of the millers in the association, this afternoon, very emphatically denied the assertion that the combine was weakening in any way. The removal of the minimum price limit, he said, meant nothing and would not alter any of the existing conditions. The minimum price had been fixed so low and so near cost that none of the millers ever sold down to it, so that the members have had, virtually, the fixing of prices their own way all along. Mr. Manegold said that the combine was working successfully and that all of the members were satisfied with it.

Farm Value of Wheat.

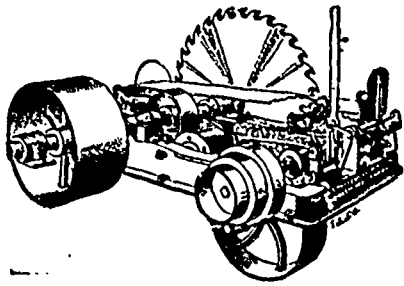
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1871	1.258
1872	1.240
1873	1.150
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1875	1.000
1876	1.087
1877	1.082
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At Liverpool, on Sept. 7, in the cattle market, prices were somewhat irregular. Choice United States cattle were quoted at 11 to 11½c and Canadian cattle at 10½ to 10½c. The market for sheep was stronger and prices advanced ½c since this day week to 11c for Canadian, while Argentines and United States were lower at 10c, on account of the inferior quality.



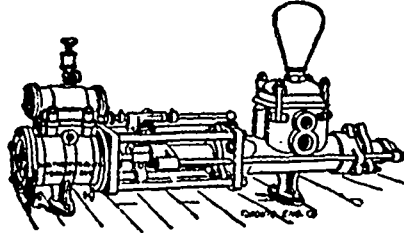


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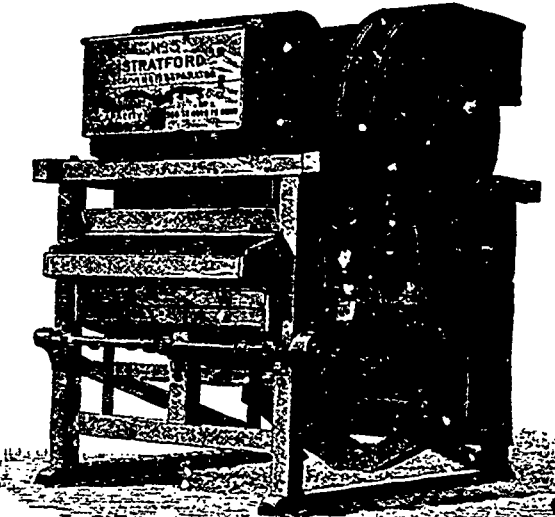
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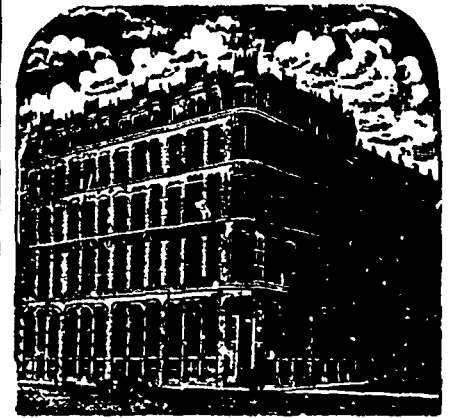
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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 14, 1896.

ONTARIO CROPS.

A bulletin has been received from the Ontario department of agriculture giving the preliminary estimate of the crops. The winter wheat crop suffered from winter-killing, drouth and grasshoppers, and the crop is irregular. The area of winter wheat shows a large increase, being 876,955 acres, compared with 748,199 acres last year, but even with this increase the area is not as great as in some years previous to 1895. The yield is placed at 16.6 bushels per acre, compared to 19 last year.

The spring wheat area, which is 255,861 acres, also shows an increase compared with last year, when it was 228,957 acres. The average area for thirteen years previous to 1896, however, was 506,932 acres. The yield is only 14.4 bushels per acre, compared with 15.5 last year.

Barley continues to decline in area, the total crop this year covering 462,792 acres, compared with 478,046 acres last year. The average annual area for thirteen years previous to 1896 was 668,807 acres. The average yield this year is 26.6 bushels, compared with 25.3 in 1895, and the total crop of 12,800,000 bushels is practically the same as last year.

The area in oats has again increased, this being a feature of the reports for the past few years. The total area is placed at 2,425,000 acres, compared with 2,378,000 acres last year, and an annual average area for thirteen years of 1,796,000 acres. The yield is a little under last year, but greater than the average, being 35 bushels per acre, compared with 35.7 last year, and an annual average of 84.8 bushels per acre.

The next most important grain crop is peas, with an area of 829,000 acres, being an increase of 30,000 acres, and a yield of 22.4 bushels per acre, which is a large yield, compared with previous years, the average yield being 20.2 bushels per acre. Last year the average yield was 19½ bushels per acre.

Rye, beans and corn are grown to a less extent, the area being as follows: rye, 148,680 acres; peas, 68,869 acres; corn, 817,667 acres. The latter is exclusive of the corn grown for the silo, which is placed at 178,962 acres.

With the exception of wheat, the grain crops show very favorable yields. Owing to the increased area, the total estimated wheat crop is greater than last year, both as regards winter and spring wheat, though the average yield is less in each case. The total crops are estimated as follows: winter wheat, 14,516,000 bushels; last year, 11,155,000 bushels; spring wheat, 8,677,000 bushels; last year, 8,472,000 bushels. Barley, 12,803,000 bushels; last year 12,090,000 bushels. Oats, 84,974,000 bushels; last year 84,697,000 bushels. Peas, 18,591,000 bushels; last year 15,563,000 bushels.

The army worm was reported from over thirty counties, but the damage was not great, except in a few localities, as the worms

were too late in arriving to do much damage.

The banner crop of the year is apples, the crop being remarkably large and the quality fine. Other fruits, though not up to apples, are generally considered an excellent crop.

The hay and clover crop is about the poorest thing on the list, the average yield being placed at only .93 of a ton per acre. This is better than last year, when the hay crop was very poor, going only .73 of a ton per acre, but it is considerably under the average. Potatoes are a fair crop, and roots about the same. A surplus of farm labor was reported and wages are lower, averaging \$12 per month by the year, and up to \$20 per month for harvest hands.

SETTLING THE VACANT LANDS.

Last week The Commercial quoted an item from the Winnipeg Free Press to the effect that the municipality of St. Clements would offer 80 acres of free land to settlers, with the privilege of purchasing 80 acres more at the rate of \$1 per acre. This is the right way to go about the question of settling our vacant lands. Heretofore it has been very difficult to get the municipalities to take any active steps in this direction. The Winnipeg board of trade tried a year or two ago to work up a plan to secure the settlement of the vacant lands in the old organized municipalities of Manitoba, but the municipalities did not respond to the efforts of the board and so the movement was dropped. Perhaps they are now convinced of the wisdom of trying to secure settlers.

On several occasions in the past The Commercial has referred to the advisability of municipalities taking over lands in arrears for taxes, with the object of securing settlers for them, instead of allowing them to be sold to private parties, to be held for speculative purposes. If some plan of the kind had been adopted years ago, many municipalities would be far better off to-day. It is not too late, however, and we can conceive of no better immigration scheme than the adoption of some plan for the acquiring of tax lands, with the object of holding them for free settlement, or at least settlement on very easy terms. The municipalities would gain financially by losing arrears of taxes, if in so doing they could secure good settlers, who would help to permanently build up the country.

A comprehensive plan for acquiring tax sale lands, through some central organization, such for instance as the Western Immigration Association, would prove more efficacious in bringing in immigrants to settle the lands so acquired than individual municipal efforts. In the absence of any such plan, however, the municipalities could do good work by acquiring tax lands and offering them for settlement.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

AS a result of the action of the Winnipeg school board, a commercial course has been prepared for all collegiate schools in Manitoba. This curtails the commercial course to a few high schools. It may be impracticable to introduce a full commercial course in the common schools, but some commercial training would appear to be advisable in the

higher classes in all the schools. It is to be hoped the new course of studies will be made as practical as possible, so that a useful commercial education will be the result, instead of a mere system of theory.

A GREAT deal is being made of the constitutional question in the refusal of Lord Aberdeen to sanction certain appointments made by the late Tupper government, after the defeat of the government at the polls. Perhaps the governor-general was constitutionally wrong, though opinions of eminent authorities differ on the point. In principle, however, the practice of making any appointments which are not absolutely necessary, under such circumstances, seems wrong. If Lord Aberdeen's action will result in establishing a precedent against the practice, he will have done good service, regardless of the constitutional point involved. Anyway, the constitution is made for the people, and not the people for the constitution, and it would be better that the constitution rather than the people should suffer.

MR. McLENNAN, of Glengary, has introduced a bill in parliament at Ottawa to compel railway companies to sell second class return tickets, at the same proportionate reduction as is made on first-class return tickets. The principal clause of the bill reads as follows: "Every railway company within the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, selling first-class return tickets from any station upon its line of railway to any other point within Canada, shall sell second-class return tickets at the same percentage of reduction as is allowed in the case of first class return fares, upon trains carrying first and second class passengers." It is to be hoped this bill, if it becomes law, will not have the effect of causing the railways to advance the rate for first class return tickets, so they will be able to charge more for second class return fares.

IN another column reference is made to a report which comes from Quebec city of the intention of Henri Menier, the millionaire Frenchman, to go into raising buffalo. Mr. Menier has purchased the large island of Anticosti, in the gulf of St. Lawrence, and the report says that he will stock it with buffalo and moose. The island is large enough to form an enormous game preserve, but it is doubtful if the bison, used to the dry western climate, will thrive in the cold, humid atmosphere of the gulf. The experiment, however, to preserve this noble animal, now almost extinct, will be watched with interest. The few remaining wild buffalo in Canada, confined to the herd of wood buffalo north of the Saskatchewan, are said to be rapidly disappearing. Some legislation has been passed with the object of preserving the herd, but in that wild northern region there is no one to enforce the law, and from all reports very stringent measures will have to be adopted if the buffalo is to be preserved for any great length of time in his last hiding place.

REGARDING hail insurance, the president of the Provincial Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Manitoba informs The Commercial

hat their experience goes to show that a premium of about 25 cents per acre will cover losses from hail, one year with another, if risks are well distributed. The company has been doing business for six years, including this season, and has now gained sufficient experience to be able to reckon with some degree of certainty. During this time we have had two very bad years for hail storms, so that their estimate of 25 cents per acre at an average premium to cover losses, is not likely to be exceeded. The company, which is the only one operating in Manitoba, has experienced considerable difficulty in inducing farmers to go in for hail insurance, but after the experience of this year, it is expected farmers will avail themselves more generally of this means of protecting themselves from loss by hail. The company has paid about \$75,000 in losses since it was organized here.

REGARDING the proposed plebiscite on the prohibition question, if the people of Canada want prohibition, why do they not send men to parliament who will give it to them, without a plebiscite? This is the proper way under our system of government to obtain such an end. Why then put the country to the unnecessary expense, excitement and turmoil of another election contest?

IN connection with the annual selection of the standards for grading grain, the question of admitting scoured wheat into the regular grades has been a matter of great contention during recent years. Last year the fight over this point was very hot, and led to some ill feeling between different interests. The proper solution of this question is to stop growing smutty wheat, and then there will be no wheat to scour and no scoured wheat for mixing. According to crop reports there will be very little smut this year, and consequently the question will not be of much importance. Last year, owing to the large percentage of smutty wheat, The Commercial favored the mixing of scoured wheat in certain grades, in order to help out the farmer, for if mixing had been prevented, those who grow smutty grain would have been obliged to sell at even lower prices than they otherwise received. On the other hand, the farmer who takes pains to grow sound grain, may claim that the value of his crop is depreciated by the mixing of scoured wheat with it, and he will consequently object to the mixing. While this is a debatable point, we must confess that as smut can be prevented, the careful farmer, who grows clean wheat, should have the benefit of the doubt.

A PROVINCIAL exchange takes exception to something The Commercial had to say recently regarding grain matters, and in doing so intimates that this journal unduly favors the grain men in its reports, on account of the patronage received from them. Last fall and winter, when almost every paper in the country had a knife whetted for the grain men, and many very unreasonable and some scandalous charges were made against them, The Commercial stood almost alone in putting in a word of defence for this much maligned class of business men. The infer-

ence taken from this by some papers and persons was, that as The Commercial gave a great deal of attention to grain matters, it would naturally receive the patronage of the grain trade, and this was freely repeated as a reason why The Commercial had undertaken to show up a few of the more absurd charges made against this class of business men. If those papers and persons who made the charge that The Commercial was influenced by patronage, really knew how trifling is the amount of business which The Commercial receives from the grain men, it would surprise them. There are only two ways in which The Commercial could receive their patronage, namely; in advertising and job printing. Our advertising columns are open to the public, and anyone who will take the trouble to look through the paper will soon discover that The Commercial receives no patronage in that direction worth fighting for. In our job department the patronage received from the grain men is no better than in advertising, and any one who doubts this statement will be accorded every facility to inspect our books. Occasionally an order is received from a country grain man, but The Commercial receives scarcely any business from the city grain trade. The Commercial did not, therefore, defend the grain men on account of their patronage, for we do not receive it. Neither did we do it with the object of gaining their patronage. At any rate we have not succeeded in gaining it. The Commercial would take the same course in defending any other interest from unreasonable attacks. If The Commercial did receive any considerable share of patronage of the grain trade, it might be some satisfaction, but we cannot quietly submit, without reply, to the charge that The Commercial is influenced by a patronage which it has not and does not receive. All the printing The Commercial has received from the city grain trade for a year back would not meet the expenses of the office for a single day.

Monthly Report of Wheat Stocks.

The only present hope for strength in wheat prices lies in a continuance of the existing full and steady export movement, for relative scarcity is very unlikely to have any special influence whatever.

Totals of stocks of wheat available, both coasts of the United States, and Canada, on September 1, as reported to Bradstreet's, are contrasted with those on like dates in preceding years as follows:

	East Rockies.	Pacific Coast.	Totals.
1895.....	57,588,000	3,512,000	61,100,000
1895.....	11,732,000	8,799,000	53,581,000
1891.....	79,826,000	8,532,000	88,358,000
1893.....	61,393,000	6,114,000	70,447,000
1892.....	42,875,000	3,589,000	46,464,000
1891.....	25,018,000	3,403,000	28,451,000
1890.....	22,689,000	7,021,000	27,710,000
1889.....	20,890,000	7,033,000	37,893,000

East of the Rocky mountains available stocks of wheat here and in Canada amounted to 57,588,000 bushels on September 1, nearly 13,000,000 more than were held one year ago, but 22,000,000 bushels less than on September 1, 1871, and nearly 7,000,000 less than on that date in 1893, at which periods exceptionally heavy supplies were reported.

On the Pacific coast the reverse is shown, with total supplies of only 3,512,000 bushels on the 1st inst., compared with 8,799,000

bushels one year ago, 8,592,000 bushels two years ago, and 6,114,000 bushels three years ago. Combining supplies on both coasts, United States and Canadian wheat stocks amounted to 61,100,000 bushels on September 1, or 7,500,000 bushels more than a year ago, and 14,600,000 bushels more than on the like date in 1892. As contrasted with September 1, 1895, available supplies here and in Canada on the 1st inst. show a decrease of 17,253,000 bushels, and compared with September 1, 1893, a decrease of 9,817,000 bushels.

Strange as it may seem, European importers of wheat have been taking less and less of the surpluses of wheat-exporting countries. They have been following the habit, prevalent in so many lines, of permitting the producer to carry stocks.

The total quantities of wheat available for immediate distribution in the United States and Canada, as given above, plus the quantities afloat for Europe from all exporting countries, on September 1, added to available stocks in Europe, as reported to Bradstreet's, are as follows:

	Europe and afloat.	Grand total.
September 1, 1896 ..	85,976,000	97,076,000
September 1, 1895 ..	65,938,000	119,499,000
September 1, 1891 ..	63,264,000	151,622,000
September 1, 1893 ..	78,930,000	149,407,000
September 1, 1892 ..	61,552,000	111,016,000
September 1, 1891 ..	58,400,000	86,851,000
September 1, 1890 ..	41,472,000	69,182,000
September 1, 1889 ..	45,975,000	78,868,000

In August the net increase in domestic and Canadian wheat supplies was 769,000 bushels, due to early shipments of new wheat on the Pacific coast. In August, 1895, the movement showed a net decrease of only 86,000 bushels for both coasts. But in 1891 the August gain was heavy, 13,468,000 bushels.

The exhibit of totals of wheat available in the United States, Canada and Europe, and those afloat for Europe, at monthly intervals for the past seven years, make it plain that the world's wheat supplies did not change materially during August, 1896, the aggregate reported being 97,076,000 bushels on September 1, and 97,181,000 bushels on August 1. Nominally, therefore, there was a slight decline in the world's visible wheat during August. One year ago there was a moderate increase during that month, and two years ago the August increase was more than 9,000,000 bushels. Aggregate wheat stocks here and abroad, as given herewith, are the smallest reported for any month since September 1, 1891.—Bradstreet's.

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

Advices from primary markets on glass have been stronger and prices show an advance of 8c to 10c per box of 50 feet. In sympathy with the above, the feeling here is firmer, and higher prices are anticipated.

The Montreal Gazette says: "There is a firmer feeling in turpentine in sympathy with the advance in prices in the South, and it would not be a surprise to the trade if prices went up 1 or 2c per gal., as it is stated that present values do not cover producers' costs. The inside figure that would be accepted on spot to-day is 38c. A fair average business is reported in other lines and prices show no material change."

Silver.

The silver markets have been practically unchanged this week and without features of importance. London advices report further speculative unloading. The only trading in silver bullion certificates here was about 15,000 ounces at 67c. Silver prices on Sept. 4 were: London, 80½d; New York, 66½c.—Bradstreet's.

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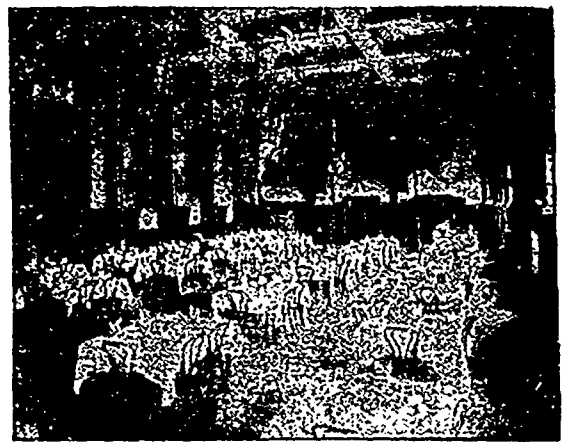
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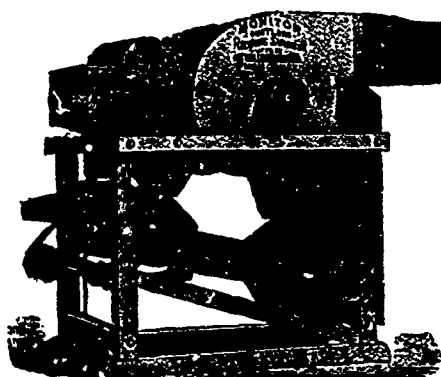
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British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Sep. 8, 1896.

Vancouver's carnival week sadly interferred with wholesale business. Collections have been most difficult to make from the same cause. All lines of industry have been very active. There have been numerous changes in the market as follows: Sugar has declined 4c; dairy produce has advanced. The crop of oats, grain and general produce in spite of the great damage done by the floods will be the largest ever raised in the province. Prices will be lower, but the abundance of the yield will compensate for that.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, Sept. 12, 1896.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

Potatoes have declined \$1 per ton; oats have made a further decline, dropping \$1.50 per ton this week, and still tend lower. Butter is steady.

Butter.—Manitoba Dairy butter, 15c; Manitoba creamery, 20 to 22c; local creamery, 22c; Manitoba cheese, 9 1/2 to 10c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18 1/2 cents; breakfast bacon 12c; backs 12 to 12 1/2c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9 1/2 to 10c; smoked sides 9 1/2c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9 1/2 per pound; in pails and tubs 9c. Mess pork \$1 1/4; short cut \$1 1/2.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smolt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; sockeyes, 6c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel head, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt oolachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$12.00 per ton; onions silver skins, 1 1/2 per pound; cabbage, 1c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch 25c; Manitoba, 15c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 360 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Peaches, 20 lb boxes \$1.10; Plums 20 lb boxes \$1.15; Tomatoes, \$1.00; Pears, 40 lb. box, \$1.25; California apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.50; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box: \$1.00; Australian bananas, per bunch, \$1.75. Melons, per dozen, \$3.60.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7 1/2c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; pecans, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22 1/2 pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Cost price. Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.80; strong bakers, \$3.80; Oregon, \$4.20; Oak Lake patent \$4.80; do. strong bakers \$3.85.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$18.00; oil cake meal, \$30

ton; O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—\$3.50 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7 1/2c, mutton, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; pork, 7 to 8c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Livestock.—Stoors, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1.00; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C, 6 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

British Columbia Business

Twelve carloads of lumber went east to Manitoba this week from Westminster mills.

The foreign coal shipments from Nanaimo for the month of August were as follows;

New Vancouver mine	18,381 tons
Wellington	8,710
Union	6,198

Total 31,292 tons

The C. P. R. have for the second time reduced the freight charges on produce grown in the Province between Vernon and Vancouver and other provincial points. The following is from the Vernon News: On grain, flour, mill stuffs, and potatoes in car lots the new tariff to Vancouver and Westminster from all stations on the S. & O. branch is 20 cents per 100 lbs.; and from Kelowna and way ports on Okanagan Lake it is 23 cents. To Victoria and Nanaimo the rate is 5 cents more per 100 lbs. The rates on grain, feed, etc., vegetables in bags and baled hay from Vernon to Nanaimo is 20 cents; to Nelson, Trail and Waneta, 30 cents; and to Kootenay Lake points, 40 cents. From Kelowna it is 3 cents more. A special fruit tariff has been issued to all points on the main line as far east as Winnipeg in car lots as follows: Green apples in boxes or barrels, 90 cents per 100 lbs. Other fresh fruit, \$1 per 100 lbs. From Kelowna, 95 cents and \$1.07 1/2. Straight or mixed cars of boots, carrots, onions, parsnips, pumpkins and turnips may be sent from S. & O. stations to Vancouver and Westminster for 25 cents per 100 lbs.; and from Kelowna for 30 cents. Fresh fruit and the following green vegetables, viz.: Asparagus, beans, celery, corn, cucumbers, melons, parsley, peas, rhubarb, spinach and tomatoes may be sent in mixed car loads to Vancouver and Westminster for 50 cents per 100 lbs., and from Kelowna for 57 1/2 cents.

Okanagan flour is being introduced in Vancouver and already has a good sale in Victoria.

There are immense quantities of fruit coming in from California and Australia, but the market is being relieved by the shipments to Manitoba of local plums and apples.

The customs collected for the port of Vancouver, for August, show an increase over the corresponding month of last year of nearly \$8,000. There has been a steady increase every month since the first of the year.

This week delegates left for Ottawa to interview the government re permanent improvements on the Fraser river. They will speak for the Fraser Valley farmers and ask that the constant silting of the river be

checked and the channel be deepened at the mouth. Also that a government dredge be constantly kept in use along the river.

A cablegram from Loudon says a company has been formed there with a capital of \$500,000 to build a marine railway, and carry on a ship building yard in Vancouver.

The Cinnabar Mining company, which owns the Cinnabar mine, at Savona's Ferry, has ordered a complete furnace plant from San Francisco, and will manufacture quick-silver on a large scale. There is a large demand for the article in the mines, and also in China, where it is used to make vermilion.

George Stewart, saddler, Kamloops, has assigned.

Chisholm & Wamsley, hotel, Sandon, have dissolved; W. H. Wamsley continues.

The Victoria branch of Major & Eldridge, wholesale produce, Victoria and Vancouver, has been sold to Wm. Humphrey and D. R. Pottinger.

The stock of F. H. Ross & Co., painters, Victoria, has been sold to J. W. Mellor.

Literary Notes.

The leading article in Current History is a review of the presidential campaign of 1893, containing a wealth of interesting and timely information, arguments for and against the positions taken by the various parties, the arrangement of states according to their platforms, full proceedings of the various conventions, statistics of currency systems of the world, biographies and portraits of the leaders of all parties, the progress of international bimetalism, the reciprocity policy, etc. There are 269 pages of reading matter and 88 portraits. Among the hundreds of other topics fully treated are: Venezuelan Question; Cuban Revolt; South African Situation; Campaigns in Abyssinia and Soudan; Armenian Question; Revolt in Crete; Situation in the far east; Congressional proceedings in full; General elections in Canada; British politics; Labor Movements; Hungarian Millennial Celebration; Coronation of the Czar; Revived Olympic Games; progress of Science, including production of Light Without Heat, Electricity Directly from Carbon, latest about X rays, etc.; Religious conventions; Book review; full Obituaries of prominent men, etc., etc. Buffalo, N. Y.: Garretson, Cox & Co., publishers.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, September 12, 1896.

The weather has been rather unfavorable for the crop, owing to the cool, cloudy weather, with showers, consequently threshing has been delayed and the movement of new wheat is retarded. Labor is well employed. All the farm hands brought in from the East were wanted, and in some districts farm hands are scarce. More men have been brought in to work on the Dauphin railway, and some have been brought in for the western coal mines, where work is being pushed more actively to prepare for the increased demand for coal, which will soon be felt. General wholesale trade is quiet. Bank clearings at Winnipeg show an increase of about 3 per cent. as compared with the like week of 1895, and an increase of about 30 per cent. as compared with the like week of 1894. Business failures in Canada this week number 41, against 30 last week, 22 in the week a year ago, 38 two years ago against 36 three years ago, as reported by Bradstreet's.

In the United States there has been larger buying of hides, wool, leather, pig iron and some other staples, and the outlook is considered improved. Prices of all staples are very low, and corn and cats are unprofitable at present prices. The stock market at New York was firmer yesterday. Money on call was easier at 3 to 6 per cent. Best mercantile paper, 7 to 9 per cent. Bar silver, 65 3/4c. Mexican dollars, 50 3/4c. Money in England is dearer.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 12

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

COAL.—The recent advance in the States of 25c per ton on anthracite, has not affected this market, though local dealers say that they should obtain the advance to be on a parity with prices elsewhere. The total advance on Pennsylvania anthracite in the States now amounts to \$1.85 per ton, while the advance here has been \$1.50 per ton. The quotations ruling in the Buffalo market are as follows: For anthracite coal per 2,210 lbs., delivered free on board vessels at Buffalo, \$5.05 for grates and \$5.30 for egg, stove and chestnut. The native Souris coal will sell here \$1.50, which is an advance of 25c over last winter's prices. Lethbridge coal will probably be held at \$7 per ton, which is an advance of 50c. Pennsylvania anthracite is quoted at \$10, and western anthracite at \$9.50 per ton. These prices are delivered to consumers, in Winnipeg. The force of men at the western mines is being increased to prepare for the winter rush.

DRUGS.—The only feature noted is a decline abroad in cream of tartar of 1s 6d to 2s per ton. Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders: Alum per pound, 3 3/4 to 4 1/4c; alcohol, \$5.25 gallon; bleaching powder per pound; 6 to 8c; bluestone, 5 to 7c; borax 11 to 13 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, \$5 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 10 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c; copperas 3 1/2 to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; opson salts, 3 1/2 to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine,

per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.75 to 3.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$1 per gallon as to brand; oxalic acid, 18 to 16c; potassium iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetre; 10 to 12c; sal rochella, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3 1/2 to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.—Grenoble Walnuts, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; princess paper shell almonds, 20c; Sicilly filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 14c; peanuts, roasted, 13c; peanuts greens, 11c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; coconuts, \$1.00 per dozen; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 14c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13 1/2 to 14c; dried apples, 5 1/2 to 6c; evaporated apples 6 to 7c per lb.

FISH.—It is stated that there has been a great loss of fish at the Lake Winnipeg fisheries this season, owing to rough weather, which made it impossible for the fishermen to lift their nets in time, and many fish were spoiled in the gill nets. The extension of the open season for one month, which has been granted by the government, will enable the fishing companies to make up some for the losses earlier, if the weather is favorable. Fresh cod and haddock are arriving in small lots and oysters are being received regularly. Prices of fresh fish are: Whitefish, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; Pickerel, 4c; Sturgeon, 8c; salmon, 14c; halibut, 12 1/2c; Cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c per lb; Oysters, \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects; smoked goldeyes, 30c dozen; smoked salmon, 15c lb.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminol—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz. \$5.10.

GREEN FRUITS.—Lemons are not in active demand owing to cool weather. Ontario apples of fine quality are arriving and selling at low prices. Very large receipts of crab apples have come in and prices are very low, any off quality have sold at \$1.75 to \$2 per barrel, and a good many have been somewhat heated in transit. Ontario tomatoes are offering but have been scarce. Ontario plums have been mostly out of condition on arrival here, and have been sold for whatever they would bring. A car of Ontario concord grapes is in, and other varieties are also offering. In Pacific coast fruit peaches have continued scarce and the few arriving have been taken as fast as they came in. A car of peaches is reported on the way, but large receipts are not expected. Washington plums are offering freely. A few good bananas are coming. The first car of the season of British Columbia fruit came in and was sold at auction yesterday, composed of plums and a few pears, all in 20 pound baskets. There were a few very fine plums, but the bulk of the car was about ruined, the fruit having been too ripe, or either very badly heated in transit, and a great deal of it was entirely spoiled, making a heavy loss to the shippers. The plums had evidently been very fine fruit, but the condition they were in made them unfit for sale. It is a pity that British Columbia packers will not adopt the style of packing followed in the Pacific coast states, as the fruit from those states usually reaches here in fine order, and there would seem to be no reason why the

British Columbia fruit should not come in as good condition, if packed the same and shipped before it is too ripe. Watermelons are slow sale and the season is about over for them. Prices are: Lemons California \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box, as to quality; bananas, \$1.50 to \$3.00 per bunch as to size and quality; good shipping stock, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per bunch; Washington peaches, \$1.85 per box; Washington plums \$1.25 to \$1.35 per box as to quality and variety; Oregon pears 2.00 per box; Ontario apples \$2.50 to \$3.00 per barrel as to quality; watermelons, \$4.00 to \$1.50 per dozen; tomatoes, 40 to 50c per basket of 20 lbs; crabs, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel for sound fruit; Ontario pears, 50 to 80c per basket; concord grapes, 5lb baskets, 20c; 10 lbs, 40c; 15 pounds 60c per basket; California grapes \$2.50 to \$3 per crate; apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; maple sugar 12s 12s per lb; maple syrup, \$1.10 per wine gallon, in gallon tins; cucumbers, 35c per dozen; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c per dozen. Coulfloower 75c per dozen.

HARDWARE.—Prices are as follows:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 19 to 20c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.00 to 8.50.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.85 to 3.00; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 4 1/2c; 26 gauge, per lb., 4 3/4c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

LEAD.—Fig, per lb., 4 1/2c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 6.25.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs. Closer prices have been made for large lots.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 7 1/2 to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 15c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.21 for 60 d. with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.85 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$4.17 keg; 2 1/2 inch, \$1.50 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.58 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 per cent.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Advices from abroad report a further advance on glass, equal to 8 to 10c per box of 50 feet. This makes the

local market very strong. Turpentine is firm, in sympathy with an advance in the south. All brands of refined petroleum are down 8c as noted last week.

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 to \$6 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, kegs 5½c; yellow ocre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 8c; golden ocre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4½ lb.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18 to 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plasterer's hair, P.P. \$1 per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 2½c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 3c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.80 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 50c; boiled, per gal., 53c in barrels, less than barrels 5c per gallon extra.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 55c; less than barrels, per gallon, 60c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 2½c; crescent, 2½c; oleophone, 26½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 31c for coceno and 27c for sunlight.

WOOD FUEL.—The demand is improving. Car lots of tamarac on track here are quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.50 as to quality. Good tamarac is held firm at the outside price. Pine, \$3.50 to \$3.75 as to quality. Cars of poplar have sold at \$2.75, but \$3 is usually asked for good green cut dry.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.—There was not much change in wheat up to Friday, when prices made quite a sharp advance, the movement starting at St. Louis. A bank failure at New Orleans and large receipts at northwestern states points were the weak features. The United States official crop report was published Thursday, and while it is regarded as a bullish document, it did not have much influence on prices. Western wheat receipts still exceed last year's, having been in two weeks 11,229,038 bushels, against 10,323,288 last year, while Atlantic exports, flour included, have been for the same weeks 3,983,200 bushels, against 2,417,872 last year.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—The showery weather has retarded threshing and market-

ing new wheat, but a few cars of new wheat have been moving. About fifteen cars of new wheat were inspected here, and they have graded No. 1 and No. 2 hard. They do not give a fair indication of the crop, however, as they have come from a few points. The No. 2 comes mostly from Grotna, and the No. 1 from Napinka, Lauder and Alexander. No frosted grain has shown up yet, though the bulk of the grain so far inspected here came from points where the early frost was most severe. This is gratifying as far as it goes. Prices are firmer for No. 1 hard. The quotation yesterday and to-day being about 61c afloat Fort William. The wide difference between No. 1 and No. 2 hard continues, No. 2 being about 4c under No. 1. This is claimed to be owing to the mixing of scoured with the No. 2 grade, while it is not allowed to be mixed with No. 1 hard or No. 1 northern. The latter grade is quoted about 1½c under No. 1 hard.

FLOUR.—There is no change in flour. Manitoba flours are held steady here and in eastern markets. Jobbing prices are: \$1.75 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 93 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.30 to \$1.35; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. Those prices do not include sacks. Large orders have been filled at \$6 and \$8 per ton. Owing to the low prices of millstuffs in Eastern markets, the price realized there will net millers here only about \$3 to \$1 per ton.

OATS.—There is a firmer feeling for oats, owing to the light and poor quality of the new Manitoba crop. Holders of old oats are firm in their views. Prices, however, keep very low in the states, owing to the low price of corn, and at Montreal prices declined ½c on Monday, and another ½c on Tuesday. Here we quote 18 to 20c afloat Fort William, or equal to 11 to 14c for car lots on track at Manitoba country points, as to quality and freight rates. It is hard to get buyers, however, at these prices, bids from eastern parties being under quotations. In the Winnipeg market cars have been offered, local freights paid, at about 18½ to 19c. The street price to farmers in Winnipeg is again 2c higher at 20c per bushel of 31 pounds for good feed oats.

BARLEY.—We do not hear of any business doing in barley yet. The quotation of 11 to 12c per bushel of 48 lbs. in the country for car lots is nominal. A farmer's load sold here at 10c for a poor feed quality.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$9 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

oatmeal.—The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 80 lb sacks, \$1 35; 40 lb sacks, 70c; 20 lb sacks 30½c; Granulated and standard meal, 95 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

oil cake.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

FLAX SEED.—There is no movement of flax seed here yet, but the outlook is not favorable as prices do not improve in the United States. This week the price is ranging about 61 to 65c per bushel at Chicago.

BUTTER.—There is a firmer feeling in the local market, the tendency being to buy on a speculative basis, and prices rather above a shipping parity have been paid. Up to 16c has been paid for creamery, to factories, and for late made, fancy goods. 17c was reported. The factories are asking 18c in some cases for September goods. Dairy grades are also

firmer, and we have heard of 10c being paid for fancy round lots of dairy, with the range at 8 to 9½c as to quality for round lots. There is a limited local demand for small rolls and prints, At Montreal the butter market has been dull and easy. Yesterday 18c was quoted at Montreal for fresh creamery.

CHEESE.—Prices are about the same. We quote July cheese at 6½c, Aust 6½ to 7, fancy late make 7½c. Eastern cheese markets have been firm. At Montreal yesterday 9½ to 9½c was quoted for Ontario and ¾c lower for Quebec cheese. At the last cheese market at Belleville, Ontario, 8½ to 9c was paid.

EGGS.—Dealers are paying 10c net for receipts, and the price will likely be advanced to 11c next week, though the demand is limited.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.00 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.25.

CURED MEATS.—Hams have advanced ½c, and long clear is down ¼c. For canvassed meats, add ¼c per pound to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½c shoulders, 7½c smoked long clear, 8½c cuts; Fancy clear, 8½c cuts; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.50; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—The general price for beef is 5c, and only very choice brings 5½c. Mutton is east, 6½c being the general price. We quote city dressed beef at 5 to 5½c, mutton, 6 to 6½c; dressed lambs, 8c. City dressed hogs 5c; country dressed 4½c; Veal, at 5½c to 6½c.

POULTRY.—Chickens hold at 40 to 45 cents per pair as to quality. Spring chickens 30 to 40c per pair. Turkeys bring 9 to 10c per lb. live weight. Ducks and geese, 10c dressed weight. Wild ducks, 20 to 30 per pair.

HIDES.—A firmer tendency is noted in hides, prices having advanced sharply at Chicago. Here prices were irregular, 4c having been paid, though 3½c was the general quotation for No. 1. We quote: Hides, green curd, No. 1, 8½c to 4c; No. 2, 2½c to 3c; No. 3, 2c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 to 5c per lb.; dekins 10 to 20c each; kips 2½ to 3½c; sheepskins 10 to 20c lambskins, 10 to 25c; Horse-hides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL.—About 7c is usually the top offered here for unwashed fleece, but for good to fancy lots ½ to ¾c more could be obtained.

TALLOW.—We quote No. 1 rendered, 8c per lb., and undergrades 2 to 2½c. The markets are a little firmer.

SENECA ROOT.—About 15c per lb is the usual price for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulby and dirty 12 to 13c. Offerings light.

HAY.—Dull and easy at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Gordon & Ironside shipped a considerable number of cattle this week, sending out four train loads, and they expect to ship two more at once. Prices are about the same. The local market is quiet and 2½c is about the top local butchers have paid for loads of good stock. Export cattle range up to 3c and possibly 3½c for picked stock.

SHEEP.—We quote 2½c for sheep here and 3½ to 3½c for lambs. A train load of sheep from the C.A.C. range went through for export about a week ago.

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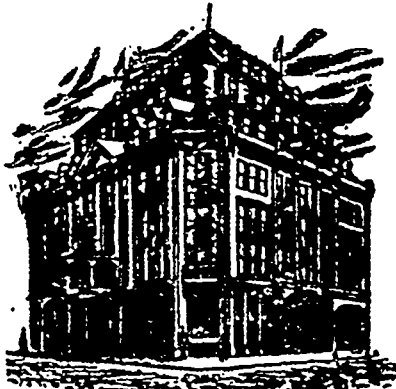
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A new wholesale produce and commission business has been opened in Winnipeg, and will be carried on under the name of the Manitoba Produce and Commission Company. The parties composing the firm are H. H. Beck, inspector of the Trust and Loan Co., and manager of the Manitoba Insurance Co.; Jos. Campbell, assistant inspector of the Trust and Loan Co.; and E. G. Hicks, who was lately employed with the Parsons Produce Co. Mr. Hicks takes the management of the new company. The warehouse formerly occupied by Rublee, Riddell & Co., at No. 175 McDermott St., East, has been secured by the new company. This building is one of the best in the city for a wholesale produce trade. It is a large solid brick building, containing four floors, including the basement, and has elevators and other conveniences. The basement contains three cold storage apartments, fitted up on the refrigerator plan, so that there is ample accommodation for handling a large quantity of goods requiring cold storage. The company will handle butter, cheese, apples, etc., and will be ready at once to receive consignments of produce.

Fruit Sales.

Two car loads of fruit were disposed of by auction, by M. W. Rublee & Co., Winnipeg, on Friday. One car was British Columbia fruit, mostly plums and some pears, shipped by the British Columbia Fruit Exchange. The plums were mostly in very bad condition, and the plums in the Ontario car were much about the same. Very fair prices were realized for the best lots, but the shippers would lose heavily on account of the bad condition of the fruit. The style of packing in both cases was in 20 pound baskets, and this style of packing does not appear to be adapted to plums. The British Columbia car was packed full to the top, and the bottom tiers were crushed into unrecognizable shape, and were destroyed.

Toronto Grain Market.

Wheat—New wheat is quoted at 61c and 62c for red and white west, and old red is quoted at 64c west and white at 65c. Manitoba wheat is quiet: No. 1 hard is quoted at 66c Midland, and at 69c to 70c Toronto and west.

Flour—Is quiet at \$3.15 for straight roller Toronto frieghts.

Millfeed—Cars of shorts are quoted west at \$7.50 and bran at \$7.

Barley—No. 1 is quoted at 33c to 35c outside.

Oats—Are dull and easier; mixed sold west to day at 17c and white are quoted at 18½ to 18¾.—Globe, Sept. 8.

A. B. Bathin, of J. W. Peck & Co., has returned from spending a month at the firm's Montreal factory.

A. Carruthers, dealer in hides, etc., Winnipeg, is moving into his new premises on the haymarket square. The new building has been built by Mr. Carruthers expressly for this trade, and is admirably adapted for the business. The size is 35 by 75 feet, with three floors, including the basement. The latter has a splendid concrete floor, and the building has every convenience. The offices on the ground floor are very tastefully fitted up. Mr. Carruthers has now a splendid warehouse for his business.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Monday was a holiday. On Tuesday wheat declined on large northwestern receipts and easy cables, but revived on export buying and closed ½c higher than Saturday for December option. May unchanged. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	56½	—	58	62½
Corn.....	19½	20	20½	23½
Oats.....	15	15	—	18
Mess Pork..	5 65	—	—	—
Lard.....	3 17½	3 25	—	—
Short Ribs..	3 12	3 15	—	—

On Wednesday there was not much change until near the close, when prices advanced on reports that the official crop report would be very bullish. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	56½	—	58½	62½
Corn.....	19½	20	20½	23½
Oats.....	15½	15½	—	18½
Mess Pork..	5 75	5 77½	—	—
Lard.....	3 25	3 30	—	—
Short Ribs..	3 17½	3 20	—	—

Wheat declined on Thursday, influenced by large spring wheat receipts northwest and easy cables, but recovered some on large export clearances. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	56½	—	58½	62½
Corn.....	20½	20½	21½	23½
Oats.....	15½	15½	—	18½
Mess Pork..	5 67½	5 67½	—	—
Lard.....	3 30	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	3 15	3 17½	—	—

Wheat was active on Friday and irregular. The lowest price touched was 57½c for December option. A New Orleans bank failure and large spring wheat receipts were the weak features. The closing was strong and higher. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	57½	—	59½-¾	63½
Corn.....	20½	20½	21½	24½
Oats.....	15½	15½	—	19½
Mess Pork..	5 70	5 75	—	—
Lard.....	3 20	3 25	—	—
Short Ribs..	3 05	3 10	—	—

On Saturday, Sept. 12, December wheat opened at 59½c and sold actively at a range of from 59½c to 60½c. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	59½	—	59½	61½
Corn.....	20½	—	21½	24½
Oats.....	15½	—	16½	19
Mess Pork..	—	5 72½	—	—
Lard.....	—	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—	—

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 55½c and a year ago at 56½c and two years ago at 53½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—Dec. —, May —, Holiday.
Tuesday—Dec. 57½c, May 61½c.
Wednesday—Dec. 62½, May 63½c.
Thursday—Dec. 53½c, May 62½c.
Friday—Dec. 59½c, May 63½c.
Saturday—Dec. 59½c; May 63½c.

A week ago December delivery closed at 57½c. A year ago December delivery closed at 59½c. Two years ago Sept. closed at 55½c and three years ago at 67½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, September 12, December delivery closed at 66½c and May option at 70c. A week ago December option closed at 65½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Sept. delivery at —, December at 56½c. A week ago December wheat closed at 51½c.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of Sept. 10, reports a small and unsatisfactory trade doing, bids being too low. Prices are as follows, in barrels, f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Second patents, \$3.05 to \$3.10. First clears, \$2.60 to \$2.65; second clear, \$1.75. Export baker's, \$2.40 to \$2.45; second export baker's \$1.90 to \$2.10; Red Daz, per ton, 140 for lbs. jute, \$8 to \$8.25. These prices are the same as a week ago.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$3.25 to \$3.75; bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$1.25 to \$1.50; bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$5 to \$5.25; shorts, \$3.75 to \$4; middlings, fine, \$5. These prices are 25 to 50c higher than a week ago.

The Buffalo.

The reproduction on a large scale of the all but extinct American bison or buffalo of the plains has been decided upon by Henri Menier, the millionaire chocolate manufacturer of Paris and new proprietor of the Island of Anticosti, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. He has purchased a young buffalo cow, which was for some time kept in captivity by a Quebec dealer in furs, and his agents are now in correspondence with the proprietors of the few remaining private herds of this noble animal, with a view to the purchase of as many as possible of them for breeding purposes. The intention is to ship them this autumn to Anticosti, where they will be turned loose upon the island and be permitted to roam at will throughout its 140 miles of length and 35 of width. Mr. Menier foresees the time when the only remaining herd of wild buffaloes—that in the Yellowstone National Park—will have disappeared through the lack of protection on the part of the state authorities of Idaho, and believes that the only practical means of preserving their race to posterity is to reproduce them in their natural condition and upon as large a scale as possible, on an island like Anticosti, where their slaughter is impossible, since nobody but its proprietor can shoot or hunt upon the island.

Not only for the purpose of stocking his island park with the grandest of big game and of being in a position eventually to dispose of stock for other preserves has Mr. Menier undertaken his now scheme for the wholesale breeding of buffalo. He has not overlooked the commercial promise of the undertaking, having found that dealers are now asking \$80 to \$100 each for buffalo skins that twenty years ago could be had in abundance for \$8 and \$10 apiece.

Moose are also to be carefully nurtured on Anticosti. These animals are rather difficult to obtain, and only two or three are so far ready for shipment to their island home. By next spring it is hoped that the herd will have been increased to fifteen or twenty, and that the caribou upon Anticosti will be in excess of a hundred head.

In the senate at Ottawa, Senators Lougheed's bill to compel United States insurance companies doing business in Canada to pay all their Canadian policies in gold has been read a second time.

The wholesale woolen firm of M. L. Hughes, Toronto has gone into liquidation. The firm is a successor to the old firm of Hughes Bros., which failed some years ago.

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Milling and Elevator Improvements.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN MANITOBA AND THE TERRITORIES THIS YEAR.

The number of new milling enterprises inaugurated this year in Manitoba and the territories is not great. About this time each season The Commercial gives a review of the progress of the milling and grain trades. As regards milling, it will not require much space to note briefly what has been done.

At Plum Coulee, Man., Geisbert & Woims are establishing a new flour mill. The capacity will be 100 barrels. Stuart & Harper, of Winnipeg, are supplying the plant. The mill will be completed about the first of October.

At Altona, Man., a flour mill is being established by a local company. The Commercial has not been able to learn any further particulars of this enterprise.

At Deloraine, Man., a Mr. Hughes from Ontario, is reported to have recently undertaken to establish a mill, but we have no further particulars.

These are all the new milling enterprises reported this season. In connection with the old mills, the Ogilvie Milling Company is erecting an immense warehouse in connection with its mill in Winnipeg. The warehouse will be 110x150 feet in size and two stories high. It is being built so as to have a large frontage on the railway. The warehouse is being erected on property purchased last year, adjoining the milling property. The warehouse will be fitted up with bag conveyors and all other improvements for handling flour. It will give the company practically unlimited storage room for stocks of flour and millstuffs. The addition of new plant is of frequent occurrence at this mill, but no general changes in the plant have been made this year.

The Lake of the Woods Company have this year established a machine shop on a large scale in connection with their Keewatin mill. A new building was erected for this purpose and fitted up with a first class and very complete plant, including machinery for grinding and corrugating rolls. One machine alone in the plant cost over \$3,000. The machine shop is the most complete of the kind in connection with any mill in Canada, and any work ordinarily required about a flour mill can be quickly performed on the premises.

R. Muir & Co. are erecting a warehouse in connection with their mill at Gladstone, Man., which will be partly used for flour storage, besides which there will be bins for about 12,000 bushels of wheat.

Manitoba is already remarkably well supplied with elevators. Almost every little hamlet or village along the railways has one or more grain elevators, and this fact, combined with the light crop this year, led to the impression that very little elevator building would be done this season. Notwithstanding this, however, quite a number of new elevators are being added to the list, though elevator building has not been as active as last year.

The Northern Elevator Co., of Winnipeg, has now elevators this year, one each at the following places: Napinka, Dalcau, Sewell, Hamiota, Franklin and Ashdown, in Manitoba, and Qu'Appelle, in Assiniboia Territory. These are all about completed. The company will also build an elevator at the second siding on the new Dauphin railway, and a flat warehouse at the first siding of the same road, making in all nine new elevators and one warehouse. The company has also purchased an elevator at Douglas. The capacity of the new elevators will be about 25,000 bushels each, except that at Ashdown, which is about 15,000 bushels.

R. P. Roblin, grain merchant, Winnipeg, is building four new elevators this year, located one each at Gretna, Austin, Delo-

raine and Killarney, all in Manitoba. The capacity will be about 30,000 bushels each. They are about completed. The Waterous Engine Works Co., Winnipeg, supply the machinery.

R. D. Martin & Co., grain merchants, Winnipeg, are also building quite an extensive line of elevators this year. These are located at the following points: Reston, Nesbit, Ninga and Souris in Manitoba and Carnduff and Carivale in Assiniboia territory. They are all completed but the one at Souris, which is well under way. The elevators will have a capacity of 25,000 bushels each. The machinery is being supplied by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. is building two elevators of 50,000 bushels capacity each, at Boissevain and Neepawa, and the elevator at Dominion City has been rebuilt. With these additions to its line of elevators the company will have storage for 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, including storage in connection with its mills at Keewatin and Portage la Prairie.

W. Carson, of Miami, Man., has built an elevator at Rosobank. Plant furnished by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg.

Dayell & Co., of Souris, Man., have built elevators at Deloraine and Reston. Plant furnished by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg.

Thos. H. Kellett has built an elevator at Sewell, Man. Plant furnished by the Vulcan Iron Works, Winnipeg. Capacity, 25,000 bushels.

Keller & Dobbyn have built an elevator at Whitewater, Man. Capacity 25,000 bushels. Plant furnished by the Waterous Engine Works, Winnipeg.

The Treherne Farmers' Elevator Co. have built an elevator at Treherne, Man., to replace one burned some time ago. Capacity about 70,000 bushels. Machinery furnished by the Waterous Engine Works, Winnipeg.

At Reston, Man., a local farmers' company is building a 25,000 bushel elevator.

At South Edmonton, Alberta, the Edmonton Milling Company has built an elevator in connection with their flour mill.

There may be some enterprises not mentioned in this list, of which we have no definite information. We will be pleased to receive information concerning any elevator or milling enterprises which may have been overlooked.

The Live Stock Trade.

A number of cattle men from the Manitoba and Northwestern district were in Winnipeg last week. Among these were, J. D. Kippan, J. Brown, Russel; A. S. Crerar, T. Almack, Binscarth; A. McMillan, Gladstone; D. W. Mills, Carman. They forwarded a train of 22 cars of cattle eastward.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on September 7, the supply of cattle was smaller, but prices were about the same. The demand from local buyers was better, owing the cool weather, and a better trade was done. There was no demand from shippers on account of the fact that there was no suitable stock on the market for this trade. Really choice heaves were scarce and the best stock offered sold at 3 to 3½c; fair 2½ to 2¾c; common 2 to 2¼c, and inferior at 1½ to 2c per lb. live weight. There was a good demand for sheep for export, and the bulk of the offerings were taken at 3c per lb., while butchers paid \$2 to \$2.50 each. An active trade was done in lambs at prices ranging from \$1 to \$3.50 each as to size and quality.

At the Paint St. Charles cattle market, Montreal, on the same day, there was some demand for export cattle, and two loads changed hands at 3½c per lb. There was a firmer feeling in the market for live hogs, and prices were 10c per 100 lbs. higher, and

sales were made at \$3.85, \$3.90, \$1, and \$1.15 was paid for small lot of choice light weights.

At Chicago on Sept. 11, prices were firmer for hogs of good medium weights, but weak for common lots, whether heavy or light. Heavy sold for \$2.50 to \$3.25; medium, \$2.90 to \$3.35; light, \$2.90 to \$3.40; and pigs, \$2 to \$2.80. Heavy packing pigs sold largely at \$2.95.

At the bi-weekly market at Toronto on September 8, export cattle ranged from 3½ to 4c. Butchers cattle sold mostly at 2½ to 3c, a few going a shade higher and poor as low as 2c. Export sheep 3 to 3½c, lambs, \$2 to \$2.50 each, butcher's sheep, no demand. There was a drop of ¼c per lb. on hogs, the best selections selling at 4c per lb. Thick fat hogs were quoted at 3½c per lb, weighed off the cars. Light hogs, 3¼c.

Winnipeg Clearing House

Clearings for the week ending Sept. 10 were 952,432; balances, 186,567. For the previous week clearings were 910,925. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 935,519 and for the week two years ago, 711,297. Clearings for the month of August were \$1,616,959, compared with \$3,937,780 for August, 1895, and \$3,695,871 for August, 1891. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal	\$10,316,899
Toronto	1,798,779
Halifax	1,078,993
Winnipeg	952,432
Hamilton	697,667
St. John	586,876

The Crops.

A large amount of stacking has been done in some sections, but there has been considerable delay caused by showers during the week, the weather having been cloudy and cool all the week, with occasional showers. This has also delayed threshing, as the grain is not hardening to thresh to good advantage while the weather is inclined to be moist. In some districts farmers are allowing their grain to stand to thresh from the stook, which is not a good plan to secure a fine sample. Some new wheat has been marketing and if the weather had been favorable deliveries of new wheat would have been quite active at some points.

Late Business Items.

Edward W. Brydges, boat owner, Rat Portage has assigned.

Mrs. Bousseau, of the Grand View Hotel, Brandon, Man., is dead.

E. L. Smith Co., stationery, Edmonton, Alberta, has sold out.

Hayward & Starr, general store, Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., have dissolved; H. H. Hayward continues.

G. A. Hogarth, general merchant, Mintoosa, Man., has admitted O. Martin as partner, under the style of Hogarth & Martin.

The partnership existing between McPherson & McKenzie, butchers, Pacific avenue, Winnipeg, has been dissolved.

Martin & Lamont Co, Regina, Assa., are applying for incorporation.

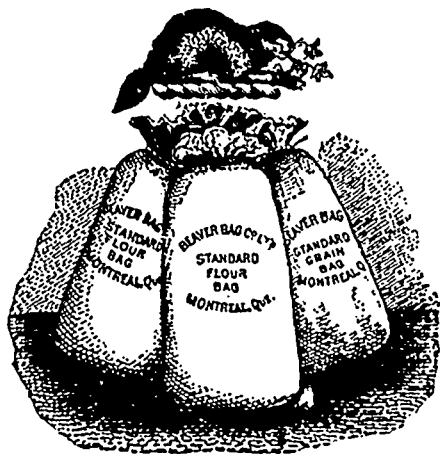
Neil MacDonald, general store, Swift Current, Assa., has sold out to W. Melbourne.

E. Langton, flour and feed, Virden, Man., has sold out to A. Madill.

J. L. Wells & Co., hardware, Winnipeg, have added groceries to their business.

Jno. Bray, drugs, Yorkton, Assa., has sold out his stationery department.

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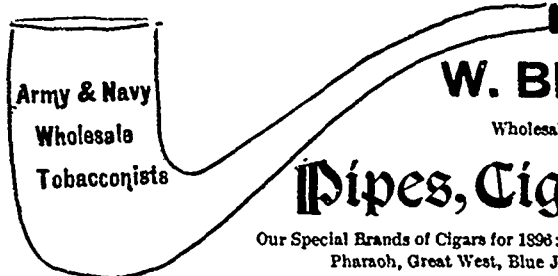
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Crops in Foreign Countries.

Dornbusch, of August 21, reports as follows. In the southern half of England wheat harvest is practically over, the ingathering of barley and winter oats is almost finished, and the fields of spring corn yet untouched will soon be cleared. Rarely has harvest been secured in such favorable circumstances and fine condition. In Scotland the cereal crops are turning out well, and in the earlier districts harvest is all but completed. The crop of oats in Ireland promises fine returns. Barley has prospered fairly and the small area under wheat has given good results. Some wonderful samples of English wheat have been brought to market; the form of the berry is simply perfect, and the weight runs between 63 and 67 lbs. per bushel. Speaking in general terms the potato crop of the United Kingdom is not expected to be equal to that of last year—lack of moisture has prevented the development and multiplication of tubers:

France—The wheat harvest in the northern departments appears to be turning out more satisfactory than had been reckoned upon; the weight is good and the condition in most cases simply perfect. In the south results were disappointing, but taken in the aggregate the crop of 1893 will produce over an average. The fine quality of the new samples emboldens farmers to ask full prices, which naturally millers resist.

Germany—The prolonged rainy weather has checked harvest progress, but as most of the crops have been well secured there is relatively little anxiety about the remainder.

Italy—Opinions differ respecting the result of the wheat, but on the whole satisfaction is expressed with respect to the good quality of this year's grain. Rain has ceased in the north, but would be acceptable in the south for the corn crop.

Hungary—The condition of crops still in the fields is reported to have suffered from heavy rain storms.

Russia—Rain is said to have prevented the movement of barley to the Azov seaboard, but with some not very important exceptions, the yield was good this season, and soon the supply for shipment is bound to increase. Respecting the general result of the crops an official report says that the harvest was good in the Baltic provinces and in the basin of Volga and Caspian Sea. In the Northwest government in the Dnieper Valley the harvest is relatively good, but in the south results are unsatisfactory and in the Crimea and Caucasus only average results will be obtained.

Some Simple Lessons in Finance.

The only real concern of a government in providing legal tender money for the use of its people, is to give them a convenient, accurate and authoritative measure of value for use in exchange. There must be enough of it for the purpose of business, and it must have the quality of stability; the people themselves take care of the rest, using the money which bears the government's stamp and guarantee, according as they need it.

When a government provides and maintains such a currency, it does its full duty by the people; when a government undertakes anything in excess of this, as regards the people's money, it makes a bad mistake. And one of the worst mistakes that can be made in this matter is to provide money which is cheaply acquired by some and dearly obtained by others. The government is only the agent of the people in providing money for their use, and it must use the authority which it derives from the people for the equal advantage of the whole people. If it does not do this, it becomes a government not of the people, but of a class.

Now, in coining money for the use of the people of the United States, from the beginning of the republic down to the present day, the government has strictly adhered to this principle. It started out with coining gold and silver into dollars for those who brought those metals to the mint, on the basis, as Thomas Jefferson stated it, of "the market price of the metals in the several countries with which we shall probably be connected in commerce." There was no greater value in dollars returned to the man who brought gold to the mint than to the man who brought silver. All were treated alike. If a man had a great deal of silver, he could get no more than its value in dollars when coined for him. If he had a great deal of gold, he could get no more in coined dollars than it was worth. There was no class privilege in the coining of money.

So it has gone on since the great production of silver has changed the relation of value between that metal and gold. The government has coined hundreds of millions of silver dollars during this period, but the coinage has all been for government account—that is, for the account of the whole people. No one, because he happened to own a very productive silver mine, has been allowed to take that product to the mint and have it made into dollars for his personal use at a profit perhaps double that which he would make by selling it in the market. The principle of no class privilege in the making of money has been steadily maintained.

To establish the policy of free coinage of silver on individual account at the ratio of 16 to 1 would be to set aside the principle which has prevailed since the birth of our republic, and to make a currency that would be cheaply acquired by some and dearly obtained by others. It would be class legislation as grossly unjust as any that ever provoked a revolution. It would be favoritism more outrageous than any perpetrated by the McKinley tariff bill or contemplated by Hanna in case he had the opportunity to make another McKinley tariff.

The proposition to print into treasury notes all paper of a certain class brought to the government printing office at Washington would be scouted as a preposterous scheme for enriching paper manufacturers. How does this differ in principle from the proposition to coin into legal tender dollars all the silver that the mine owners may bring there? —Boston Post.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Letters received from Denia and Valencia confirm previous cable reports of a severe storm on August 20, which did a great deal of damage to the drying raisins, and state that the output consequently will be smaller than anticipated.

A cable from Denia quotes first half of September shipment at 15s, and all September at 14s 6d.

A New York report says: Cable advices received announce an advance to 9s on currants for prompt shipment. The rise in the primary market is supposed to be due to an increased European demand, especially from Russia, and the reports that the crop will be much shorter than was expected.

The steamer Patria which arrived in New York recently, brought out 5,000 boxes of Valencia layer raisins, 3,000 of which remain in New York and 2,000 coming to Canada. This is the first shipment of Valencia to arrive this season direct.

Present prices for Tarragona almonds are said to be the lowest in the history of the trade. The bark Francesca R., which passed Gibraltar on July 19 with some 8,000 bags, is expected to arrive in New York about September 15.

The first lot of new figs to be shipped to New York via Liverpool left Smyrna on Au-

gust 28, and is expected to arrive in New York about September 23.

It is reported, says a New York paper, that the Alaska salmon pack will be 75,000 to 100,000 cases short of that of last season. Some brands have advanced on the coast to \$1.02½ less 1½ per cent., and in some cases \$1 net is quoted.

Cables received from Smyrna quote an advance of 1s in the price of new crop Sultana raisins. The London market has advanced 2s, owing to the fact that stocks of old have been used up and the new crop is expected to be short.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Shippers complain of the difficulty in securing grain freight." Grain freights are very firm at 2s 9d to Glasgow and London, 3s to Bristol, and 2s 6d to Liverpool. To the Continent 3s. Some further engagements have been made for flour to London at 18s 9d to 15s, to Liverpool 11s 3d, and to Glasgow 12s 6d to 13s 9d. Further engagements of butter and cheese are reported at 20s London and Liverpool, and 25s Bristol and Glasgow. To Hamburg and Antwerp, provisions, 17c per 100 pounds and flour 18s 9d. Provisions 12s 6d to 15s Liverpool, 15s to 17s 6d London and Glasgow. There has been a good demand for inland water tonnage for grain, and heavy transactions are reported at 1½c from Chicago to Buffalo on corn and at 3½c from Buffalo to New York. Wheat from Buffalo to New York is quoted at 3½c. From Chicago to Kingston corn has been taken at 2½c free of tolls, and from Kingston to Montreal 2c on corn and 2½c on wheat. During the past week considerable new engagements have been made to carry wheat from Fort William and Duluth to Montreal at 5½c which is ½c decline from our previously quoted rates."

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Bradstreet's says of the situation in the United States: "The feature of the market this week has been the auction sale in New York of 1,700 pieces of dress goods by the Arlington Mills. The goods were mohairs, brilliants and cotton warp, and come under the head of spring goods. The sale passed off quickly, and under the conditions prices were considered fairly satisfactory, the average being about 25 per cent. below regular market rates. Cotton goods sell quietly, but the better turn to raw cotton gives more tone to the market. Cotton fabrics are yet selling far below the cost of production, based on the price of raw cotton, which is due to the oversupply of goods which have been thrown on the market during the past few months. Men's wear woolens are quiet, and orders for spring are backward in being placed, forcing a large amount of machinery to remain idle."

Shipping Canadian Cattle via Boston.

Mr. Ironside, of the firm of Gordon & Ironside, live stock exporters, has returned to Montreal from Boston, where he has succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements to ship a large number of western ranches and other cattle from that port, as the United States opened it to Canadian live stock some time ago on conditions that special yards would be provided for the stock. These the Boston & Maine Railway are now constructing. Mr. Ironside stated in regard to ocean freight rates that much better rates could be secured in Boston than from this port. The first shipment will be made next week, and it will go over the Canadian Pacific and Boston & Maine railroads. —Montreal Gazette.

Ross & Adamson, general merchants, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, have assigned to F. Fraser Tims.

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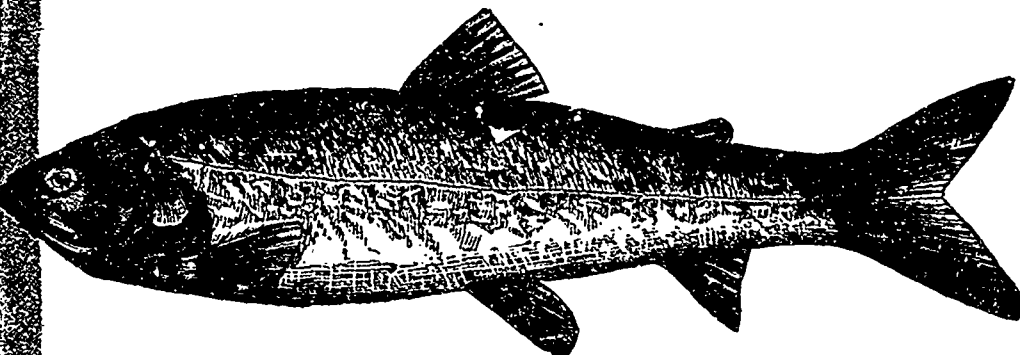


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Montreal Grocery Market.

There seems to be no let up to the downward tendency of prices for both raw and refined sugar. The market for the raw article during the past few days has been weak, and prices for beet declined 9d to to 8s 10³/₄d since this day week, which is the lowest point touched so far this season, but it sold down to 8s 6d last season. Private cables, however, were firmer in tone to-day, and noted an advance of 3d from the above price, September being at 9s 1³/₄d and October at 9s 4³/₄d. In New York granulated is steady at \$1.17 per 100 lbs., while crystals raw have sold ³/₄c lower at 3³/₄c ex store, which gives the refiner a margin of \$1.22, the largest ever known. Locally there has been a decided improvement in the demand for the refined article, both from local and western buyers, and an active business has been done which is no doubt due to the enormous crop of fruit, of which a large percentage is being preserved. The tone of the market, however, has continued to rule weaker and while sales of round lots of 150 barrels and over of granulated were made early in the week at 4 1-16c, this price would no doubt be shaded to-day by refiners for the above quantity. There has been no active change in yellows, but very low grades have sold as low as 3c and bright at 3³/₄c.

A slight improvement in the demand for syrups may be noted but the market on the whole is far from being active. Prices rule steady at 1³/₄ to 2³/₄c per lb., as to quantity, at the factory.

The market for molasses continues to rule quiet and in consequence of the offerings prices have an easy tendency. The only important sale reported was a small cargo of 500 puncheons at Porto Rico, which was placed here by a New York house at a price said to be about 27¹/₄ to 28c. Barbadoes stock in round lots is offering at 27 to 27¹/₄c.

The tone of the rice market continues firm and under an active demand prices are fully maintained. We quote:—Crystal Japan, \$1.75 to \$5.00; standard B., \$3.45; Patna \$1.25 to \$5; Carolina \$6.50 to \$7.50, choice Bermuda \$3.75, and Java kinds \$1.

The market for spices is without any new feature. The demand continues of a limited character, and business on the whole is quiet. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only: Penang black pepper 6 to 7³/₄c; white pepper 10 to 12¹/₄c; cloves 7³/₄ to 9c; cassia 8³/₄ to 9³/₄c; nutmegs 60 to 9³/₄c; and Jamaica ginger 15¹/₄ to 18³/₄c.

Notwithstanding the disposition on the part of holders to shade prices for round lots of coffee buyers still continue to hold firm and little business of importance has been transacted. We quote: Maracaibo at 17³/₄c to 18³/₄c; Rio, 16 to 17³/₄c; Java, 22 to 25c, and Mocha 22 to 26c.

There has been a better demand for teas during the past few days, and the market is more active than it has been for some few weeks past. The demand has been principally for Japans from both local and western buyers, and sales of several fair-sized lots have been on the latter account, including one lot of 500 packages at p.t. A fairly active business has been done between houses on spot, but the sales have been chiefly in small lots, at prices, ranging from 14³/₄ to 17c, as to quality.

Dairy Trade Notes.

Woodstock, Sept. 2.—Nine factories offered 1,958 boxes of cheese. Sales:—398 boxes at 8³/₄c; most of the salesmen held for 8³/₄c. Eight buyers were present.

Brockville, Sept. 3.—Nine hundred and twenty-two boxes of cheese were boarded here to-day, of which 478 were white, balance colored; 8³/₄c offered for both white and colored; none sold.

At Brantford, Ontario, on Sept. 4. on the cheese market, 2,605 boxes last half August cheese were offered. Sales—800 at 8 11-16c, 225 at 8³/₄c, 170 at 8 13-16c and 180 at 8³/₄c.

The Montreal Gazette of Sept. 3 says of cheese and butter: The cheese market on spot stubbornly refuses to respond to the advance in the country which became even more accentuated to-day. The factorymen have evidently made up their minds to try and obtain 9c for the last half of August make. From present appearances they will have to depend on the speculators for such a price, as the very best figure that the general run of orders permits on spot is 8³/₄c to 8³/₄c. This is less than the cost of finest in the country, in fact, the foreign market has got to advance 1c if recent purchases in the country are to let out at a profit. In a word, the situation as it is at present is not a healthy one, and unless the English market improves money will be lost. As matters are at present, spot values can hardly be quoted, but sellers can hardly part with their finest for much under 8³/₄c if they are to make any money. It is understood that some business has been put through recently for future shipment on the basis of 43s to 43s 6d, which is about equivalent to 8³/₄c. The butter market is a dull, indifferent one. The only explanation to offer for the sudden and sharp decline in buyers' bids for finest creamery is that clients on the other side have enough to go on with for the time being, and are not averse to gathering in some goods for less money, if it is possible. The general run of bids now range around 18c, but it is doubtful if any strictly fancy creamery is available at that price. The market, therefore, is a nominal one. In Western dairy it is understood that one exporter has, and still is gathering in what he can get for shipment

between 12³/₄c and 13c. The quantity of this description of butter offering, however, is light. Receipts of Townships dairy are not to be considered in a wholesale sense. What little comes forward is taken for domestic consumption in the city at 16c to 17c.

Hides, Wool, etc

Bradstreet's says of the situation in the United States: "The market continues dull and prices low, although a rather better tone is noticeable at the close. A few large lines of wool were picked up in Boston during the past few days, including 500,000 pounds territory, 800,000 pounds Texas and 400,000 pounds unwashed fleeces. These wools were sold at cut prices, while bids on several million pounds more were made at figures lower than holders would accept. A cable from England bidding ³/₄c below the holders' views was received on a line of 650,000 pounds of territory wool. Holders show more disposition to keep their prices steady at the close, and bargains on large lines would be less easily obtained this week than last. Asking prices are yet very low, but the disposition to cut lower is less marked."

The Toronto Globe says of wool: "The offerings are fair, but there is little or no demand, and the market is dull and easy. Selected country lots of washed fleeces are quoted at 19c tub washed is quoted at 18c and rejects at 15c."

The Montreal Gazette says: "The stock of beef hides here is estimated at between 15,000 and 18,000, which is probably the largest ever known, and, in consequence, the tone is easy, with prices tending downward. The demand from tanners is exceedingly slow, and the prospects for any improvement in the near future are not very encouraging without the demand for leather picks up considerable, which is at present also very slow. Advices from the Western States are also of a discouraging nature, consequently there is practically no outlet for the large stock held here just now. We quote No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c, and No. 3, 3c. Lambskins are firm at 40c each. Clips steady at 25c, and calf dull at 6c for No. 1, and 4c for No. 2."

The Toronto Globe says of hides: "The receipts are about equal to the demand and the market is quiet. Local dealers are paying 5c for green cows and 5³/₄c for steers. Lambskins and sheepskins firmer at 50 to 55c. Tallow is easier and local dealers are paying 2³/₄ to 2¹/₄."

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Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Sept. 5, 1896, shows an increase of 921,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,316,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 2,219,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and a decrease of 711,000 bushels three years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat at the end of the first trade week of each month for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1896.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,681,000	50,228,000	81,238,000	15,907,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,803,000	81,392,000	43,161,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,609,000	79,088,000	41,566,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,054,000	41,036,000
May 6...	62,198,000	65,156,000	73,069,000	36,190,000
June 3...	62,229,000	69,394,000	71,080,000	27,910,000
July 1...	44,661,000	64,657,000	62,316,000	24,362,000
Aug. 3...	38,617,000	60,601,000	59,424,000	26,073,000
Sept. 7...	36,754,000	60,168,000	56,140,000	33,769,000
Oct. 7...	41,832,000	73,614,000	93,275,000	61,256,000
Nov. 4...	67,690,000	80,047,000	71,396,000	64,717,000
Dec. 2...	63,003,000	85,179,000	78,091,000	72,580,000

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan 4...	69,842,000	87,358,000	100,053,000	51,756,000
" 11...	66,945,000	86,615,000	80,433,000	82,080,000
" 18...	67,983,000	85,380,000	81,332,000	82,227,000
" 25...	67,523,000	84,685,000	80,204,000	81,487,000
Feb. 1...	66,734,000	83,376,000	79,833,000	81,392,000
" 8...	66,119,000	82,322,000	79,160,000	80,073,000
" 15...	65,926,000	81,733,000	78,667,000	81,214,000
" 22...	65,011,000	79,476,000	77,257,000	79,430,000
March 1...	64,089,000	78,765,000	75,589,000	79,088,000
" 7...	62,596,000	77,717,000	74,037,000	78,143,000
" 14...	62,123,000	76,874,000	73,359,000	75,920,000
" 21...	61,348,000	75,773,000	72,161,000	78,208,000
" 28...	61,018,000	74,313,000	71,478,000	77,634,000
April 4...	60,322,000	72,703,000	70,762,000	77,293,000
" 11...	59,330,000	70,457,000	69,217,000	76,008,000
" 18...	58,453,000	69,026,000	68,425,000	74,389,000
" 25...	57,916,000	68,776,000	66,533,000	75,027,000
May 2...	55,419,000	62,196,000	65,156,000	73,069,000
" 9...	54,004,000	59,623,000	63,510,000	71,632,000
" 16...	54,146,000	60,181,000	62,014,000	71,526,000
" 23...	54,298,000	54,211,000	61,349,000	70,159,000
" 30...	50,310,000	52,229,000	59,394,000	70,367,000
June 6...	60,147,000	49,739,000	68,241,000	63,667,000
" 13...	49,466,000	47,717,000	67,105,000	66,375,000
" 20...	48,819,000	46,225,000	65,854,000	63,081,000
" 27...	47,860,000	44,561,000	64,425,000	62,316,000
July 4...	47,109,000	43,359,000	64,114,000	61,419,000
" 11...	47,220,000	41,237,000	63,154,000	59,325,000
" 18...	46,743,000	40,488,000	63,771,000	63,903,000
" 25...	47,142,000	39,294,000	62,141,000	63,419,000
Aug. 1...	46,734,000	38,517,000	60,601,000	59,411,000
" 8...	46,429,000	37,639,000	62,321,000	58,869,000
" 15...	45,876,000	36,392,000	63,901,000	67,312,000
" 22...	45,189,000	35,088,000	64,771,000	67,240,000
" 29...	45,574,000	35,438,000	66,949,000	68,881,000
Sept 5...	46,495,000	36,754,000	69,168,000	68,114,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on August 29 is as follows:

	Bushels.
Montreal.....	237,000
Toronto.....	108,000
Kingston.....	20,000
Winnipeg.....	276,000
Manitoba interior elevators	370,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin.....	2,375,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on August 29 1896:

	Bushels.
East of the Mountains.....	57,588,000
Pacific Coast.....	3,512,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	
East of the Mountains.....	44,732,000
Pacific Coast.....	3,799,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Sept. 5, shows an increase of 1,101,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 58,692,000 bushels on the latter date.

World's stocks of wheat on Sept. 1, 1896, (United States, Canada, in Europe and Africa for Europe) were 97,076,000 bushels, as compared with 119,470,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1895, 151,622,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1894,

159,407,000 bushels on that date in 1893, and as contrasted with 111,016,000 bushels on Sept. 1, 1892 and with smaller totals on Sept. 1 in preceding years.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

- Wheat—About 40c to 45c for No. 1 hard, country points, and 55½ to 58c for No. 1 soft.
- Flour—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.95; Bakers, \$1.75.
- Bran.—Per ton, \$11.
- Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.
- Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, new, local freights paid, 20 to 21c.
- Barley—A few loads sold at 27c to 30c.
- Flax Seed.—Small sales retail at \$1.50 per bushel.
- Butter.—Dairy round lots 8c to 8½c Creamery, 11 to 15½c.
- Cheese.—1c.
- Eggs.—Fresh, 11c net, jobbing at 12 to 13c.
- Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 5c.
- Mutton.—Fresh, 6 to 6½c; lamb, 6½ to 7c.
- Hogs.—Dressed, 5½c to 6c.
- Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 3 to 3½c.
- Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4 to 4½c.
- Sheep.—3 off cars; lambs, \$2 to \$2.25 each.
- Seneca Root.—Dry 18 to 19c lb.
- Poultry.—Chickens, 35 to 40c per pair, fowl, 40c to 45c; turkeys, 8 to 9c lb., live weight.
- Hides.—No. 1 cows, green salted 7½c.
- Wool.—Unwashed fleeco, 10 to 11½c.
- Potatoes.—20c per bushel.
- Hay.—\$5.00 per ton, car lots.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Sept. 4, 1896.	Sept. 6, 1895.
Flour, straight spring.....	\$3.15 to \$3.30	\$3.00 to \$3.35
Flour, straight winter.....	\$3.20 to \$3.25	\$3.10 to \$3.35
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	67½c	63½c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	27c	30c
Oats, No. 2.....	22½c	18½c
Rye, No. 2, Western.....	49c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee.....	8½c
Cotton, mid. upld.....	8½c	8½c
Print cloth, 64x64.....	2½	3½-16c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X.....	16c	17 to 18c
Wool, No. 1 combing.....	18 to 19c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess new.....	7.50 to 8.25	\$10.25 to 10.75
Lard, westn, stm.....	3.05	\$6.35
Butter, creamery.....	16 1-2c	20c
Cheese, ch. east fr.....	8c	7c
Sugar, centrl, 96°.....	31c	31c
Sugar, granulated.....	42c	41c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	11c	10c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	\$1.69
Petroleum, rd. gal.....	0.75c
*Iron, Besse. pg.....	\$11.00	\$17.25
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$23.00	\$24.10
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool.....	3½d	2d
Cotton.....	5-32d	1-16d
* Pittsburgh.		

Items About the Crops.

Burnside, Man., Sept. 7.—Threshing was done the first of the week, but none was done the last part of the week on account of the rain. All the machines are busy threshing this morning. The crops are turning out very light—from ten to fifteen bushels per acre, and oats are no crop at all on account of the rust.

Treherne, Man., Sept. 2.—Wheat cutting is almost completed. Some have commenced stacking, and it is expected that stook-threshing will begin next week. The wheat will average fifteen bushels to the acre, while oats will be heavy.

Douglas, Man., Sept. 8.—The stacking near here is about completed, with the exception of some that will be threshed from the stook. The reports from a few that have threshed are to the effect that the crop is not turning out like last year. In some places the straw is heavier and the wheat less in yield.

Carnduff, Assa., Sept. 7.—Cutting in this district is all done and threshing is in full swing. The new wheat will grade chiefly No. 1 and No. 2 hard. Considerable new grain was stored in the elevators last week.

Pipestone, Man., Sept. 6.—Some have completed stacking and threshing is the order of the day. Wheat is running about twelve bushels per acre.

Nivorville, Man., Sept. 8.—Harvesting is just about finished in this district and threshing has begun. Wheat is turning out from fifteen to twenty bushels per acre. Barley is a fair average crop, but oats are very light, owing to rust. Flax is a good crop and will turn out well.

Sidney, Man., Sept. 9.—Farmers are busy threshing. The wheat has not turned out as expected, only going about ten to twelve bushels per acre. With fine weather, the threshing will be all over in this vicinity in about three weeks.

Burnside, Man., Sept. 8.—Stacking is well under way, and threshing is general. The crops are turning out much lighter than was expected, from ten to fifteen bushels being the average, but it is of a good sample.

Mothven, Man., Sept. 8.—Cutting in this vicinity is finished and stacking is well advanced. The threshers have started out in greater force than ever before, as some new machines have been purchased. The results of the numerous threshers is that a cutting of prices has already begun, the old figures of 4 cents all around being reduced to 3c and 3½c. The light frosts of August did no damage here, but the night of the 2nd of September was cold enough to damage any grain that was not cut.

Cartwright, Sept. 9.—Stook threshing has commenced, and reports so far indicate a fair yield and fine quality of wheat. Oats are not a heavy crop.

Crystal City, Sept. 9.—Now that harvesting is over stacking has begun in many parts, but the majority of the farmers seem inclined to thresh from the stook. Many farmers are preparing to deliver their grain from the machine direct to the elevators, and be ready for whatever turn the markets may take.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5
Extra Manitoba					
hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	15	38	102	46	84
No. 2 hard.....	13	14	13	3	7
No. 3 hard.....	9	6	13	10	2
No. 1 North'n.....	38	12	17	10	14
No. 2 North'n.....	2	1	0	1	0
No. 3 North'n.....	1	2	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyte	0	0	0	1	1
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 Spring.....	3	0	0	0	0
No. 2 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted ..	3	0	2	3	0
No. 2 frosted ..	0	2	0	0	0
No. 3 frosted ..	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected..	4	4	2	2	1
No. 2 Rejected..	5	4	4	0	1
No Grade.....	3	6	1	3	1
Feed.....	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	133	88	151	54	113
Same week last year.....	3	59	32	24	24

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

A. Leofred, mining engineer, of Montreal, has a project on hand for the establishment in that city of a permanent exhibition of minerals from all the mines of Canada.

The Gold Democrats.

The platform of the "gold" Democrats, adopted at the recent convention at Indianapolis, is as follows:

This convention has assembled to uphold the principles upon which depend the honor and welfare of the American people, in order that Democrats throughout the Union may unite their patriotic efforts to avert disaster from their country and ruin from their party. The Democratic party is pledged to the maintenance of the public faith and sound money. The declarations of the Chicago convention advocate a reckless attempt to increase the price of silver by legislation, to the debasement of our monetary standard, and threaten unlimited issues of paper money by the government. In view of these and other grave departures from Democratic principles, we cannot support the candidate of that convention, nor be bound by its acts. The Democratic party has survived many defeats, but could not survive a victory won in behalf of the doctrine and policy proclaimed in its name at Chicago. The national democracy, reconvened here, therefore renews its declarations of faith in democratic principles, especially as applicable to the conditions of times. We demand that henceforth modern and liberal policies towards American shipping shall take the place of our imitation of the restricted statutes of the eighteenth century. The experience of mankind has shown that by reason of their natural qualities, gold is the necessary money of the large affairs of commerce and business, while silver is conveniently adapted to minor transactions, and the most beneficial use of both together can be ensured only by the adoption of the former as a standard of monetary measure and the maintenance of silver at a parity with gold, by its limited coinage under such safeguards of law. This is the largest possible enjoyment of both metals gained with a value universally accepted throughout the world, which constitutes the only practical currency assuring the most stable standard, and especially the best and the most money for all who earn a livelihood by labor or the produce of this country. They cannot suffer when paid in the best money known to man, but are the particular and most defenceless victims of a debased and fluctuating currency, which offers continued profits to the money changer at their cost. Realizing these truths demonstrated by long public inconvenience and loss, the Democratic party, in the interests of the masses and of equal justice to all, practically established by the legislation of 1831 and 1833, the gold standard of monetary measurement, and likewise entirely divorced the government from banking and currency issues. To this long established Democratic policy we adhere and insist upon the maintenance of the gold standard and of the parity therewith of every dollar issued by the government, and are firmly opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver and to the compulsory purchase of silver bullion. But we denounce also the further maintenance of the present costly patchwork of national paper currency as a constant source of injury and peril. We assert the necessity of such intelligent currency reform as will confine the government to its legitimate functions, completely separated from the banking business, and afford to all sections of our country uniform, safe and elastic bank currency under government supervision, measured in volume by the needs of business. The fidelity, patriotism and courage with which President Cleveland has fulfilled his great public trust, the high character of his administration, his wisdom and energy in the maintenance of civil order and the enforcement of the laws, its equal regard for the rights of every class and every section, its firm and dignified conduct of foreign affairs and sturdy persistence in upholding

the credit and honor of the nation, are fully recognized by the Democratic party, and will secure to him a place in history beside the fathers of the republic. We favor arbitration for the settlement of international disputes. Believing these principles to be essential to the well-being of the public, we submit them to consideration of the American people.

World's Wheat Crops.

The annual compilation of Clapp & Co., New York, showing the world's wheat crops, and much of kindred information, has been received, from which the following totals of wheat production from 1885 to 1895 are obtained, figures for the earlier years being taken from their previous reports:

Year	Bushels
1882	2,270,982,000
1883	2,068,775,000
1884	2,302,306,000
1885	2,108,475,000
1886	2,129,805,000
1887	2,905,325,000
1888	2,291,178,000
1889	2,197,221,000
1890	2,325,762,000
1891	2,132,822,000
1892	2,481,805,000
1893	2,562,918,000
1894	2,672,341,000
1895	2,552,677,000
1896	2,623,500,000

In these estimates the official figures are adopted for the United States, with 400,000,000 recognized for 1896. It the six years previous to 1895 the official estimates were short of the evident production to the extent of about 300,000,000 million bushels. By allowing for this difference it appears that the annual average for the five years from 1882 to 1886 inclusive was 2,175,000,000; for 1887 to 1891 inclusive, 2,330,000,000, for 1892 to 1896 inclusive, 2,600,000,000 bushels. It thus appears that the annual average for the past five years has been about 20 per cent. greater than the average for the first five years of the period. Going further back, with data from other sources, it is shown that in 1873 the total was about 1,800,000,000 bushels. in 1877, about 2,050,000,000; in 1881, about 2,050,000,000.

This information makes it quite apparent that the world's production in the past twenty years and more has advanced more than the increase in population, probably largely due to the lessened cost of production and of transportation from localities of surplus to those of requirement.

For the current year the indications are that the world's crop of wheat will not vary greatly from last year, and also will not be much out of line in comparison with the estimated consumption—which implies that while the markets may not be so forcibly influenced by accumulated stocks in sight as heretofore there is promise of an abundance for all requirements—Cincinnati Price Current.

A Perfect Glut of Fruit.

Providence has been kind to the human family this year in sending them immense crops of everything in the shape of food; and this superabundance of eatables has in no case been more pronounced than in fruit. Just imagine fifteen car loads of fruit standing on our railway tracks this morning, awaiting disposition, consisting chiefly of bananas grapes plums and pears. Three auction sales have taken place in this city to-day, at which plums sold as low as 30 to 35c per basket of 2½ gallons, and grapes at 2½c to 2½c per lb. Apples are an enormous crop, and what will be done with them all is puzzling our dealers and shippers. In the city to-day they sold at 75c to \$1.50 per bbl, as to quality.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

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